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The staff development on October 9, 2009 was a great success. Our first speaker, Cathy Vatterott, dealt with “Rethinking Homework: The Best Practices that Support Diverse Needs.” During the breakout sessions the various grade levels participated in collegial, wide-ranging, and intense discussions. It was great! Our second speaker, Kathleen Dawson, spoke on “What Now? Effective Ways to Use MAP Data in the Classroom to Meet the Needs of Students.” During the 2-hour presentation she shared many ideas and materials that the teacher embraced with enthusiasm. Her breakout sessions were equally well attended and appreciated by the teachers.

This week we will be sending MAP data from our Fall testing event and ISAT scores on each individual student. In grades 2-5 the information will be sent home with the students. In grades 6-8 the information will be mailed home by Curriculum Department. Response to Intervention will begin this week and information will be sent home to the parents whose children are involved. The interventions are Reading Plus, Symphony Math, FASTT Math, and Lexia.